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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/8 of 16 October 1991, 49/141 of 20 December 1994 and 51/16 of 11 November 1996,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,[1]

Bearing in mind the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations on the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Also bearing in mind the assistance given by the United Nations towards the maintenance of peace and security in the Caribbean region,

Noting with satisfaction that the First General Meeting between Representatives of the Caribbean Community and its Associated Institutions and of the United Nations system was held in New York on 27 and 28 May 1997,

[1] A/53/275 and Add.1.

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Welcoming the fact that the Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of the Secretary-General, attended the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, which was held in Castries, Saint Lucia from 30 June to 4 July 1998,

Affirming the need to strengthen the cooperation that already exists between entities of the United Nations system and the Caribbean Community in the areas of economic and social development, as well as of political and humanitarian affairs,

Convinced of the need for the coordinated utilization of available resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community as well as efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Welcomes* the signing on 27 May 1997 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community of a cooperation agreement between both secretariats;

3. *Notes* that the Third Meeting between the United Nations and regional organizations, which examined the potential for greater interaction and cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in the field of conflict prevention, was held on 28 and 29 July 1998, and welcomes the fact that the follow-up meeting in the area of early warning and conflict prevention will be convened shortly;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, to continue to assist in furthering the development and maintenance of peace and security within the Caribbean region;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their objectives;

6. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community in order to initiate, maintain and increase consultations and programmes with the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives, with special attention to the areas and issues identified in the meeting on 27 and 28 May 1997, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Recommends* that the second general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions and of the United Nations system be hosted in 1999 in the Caribbean region in order to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the agreed areas and issues and to hold consultations on additional measures and procedures as may be required to facilitate and strengthen cooperation between the two organizations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community".